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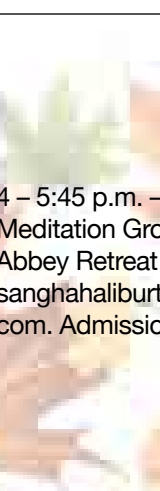
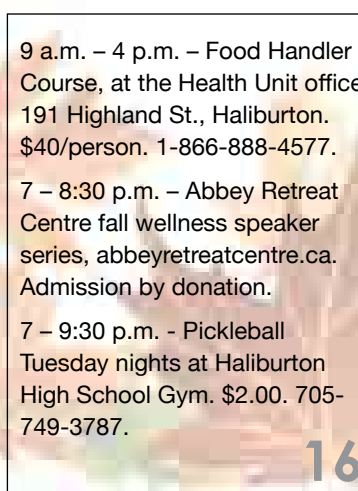
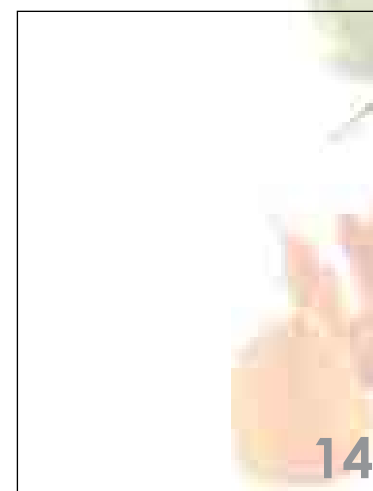
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Emmet Legge chases after his pumpkin during Colourfest this past Saturday in Haliburton. See more coverage in The Weekend. *Photo by Danielle Martin*

Mayor's recreation centre video raises eyebrows

By Lisa Gervais

Dysart incumbent mayor Murray Fearrey has generated interest this week by posting a video to his Facebook re-election page talking about a future recreation centre for the township.

In the professionally-produced clip, replete with architectural drawings, Fearrey says, "if there's ever been a time as a municipality to develop a comprehensive

recreation centre the time is now."

The mayoral candidate goes on to say it would take care of the needs of the entire community, especially families who have been travelling to neighbouring towns to use their recreational facilities.

Later in the video, Fearrey walks on a 65-acre parcel of township-owned land off of Harburn Road, near the cemetery, saying the site is ripe for development.

He concludes with, "I have the confidence

in this community we can do what we want to do when we all pull together."

The Highlander asked Fearrey if he had ever discussed his plans with township staff or council colleagues. The paper also asked if there was any substance to Fearrey's vision, including studies or costings.

Fearrey replied in an e-mail, "of course it lacks a lot of detail. It's a concept and an idea if elected I would pursue with staff and council."

He said the land was bought for gravel deposits and has been worked for many years but is not being used now.

"I think people are trying to analyze a concept like it's a proposal and searching for details that will unfold if a new council sees the merit in it. And, it cannot be a burden on taxpayers. At this point, it is something, if elected, I will pursue in a progressive businesslike public process."

Andrea Roberts, who is running against

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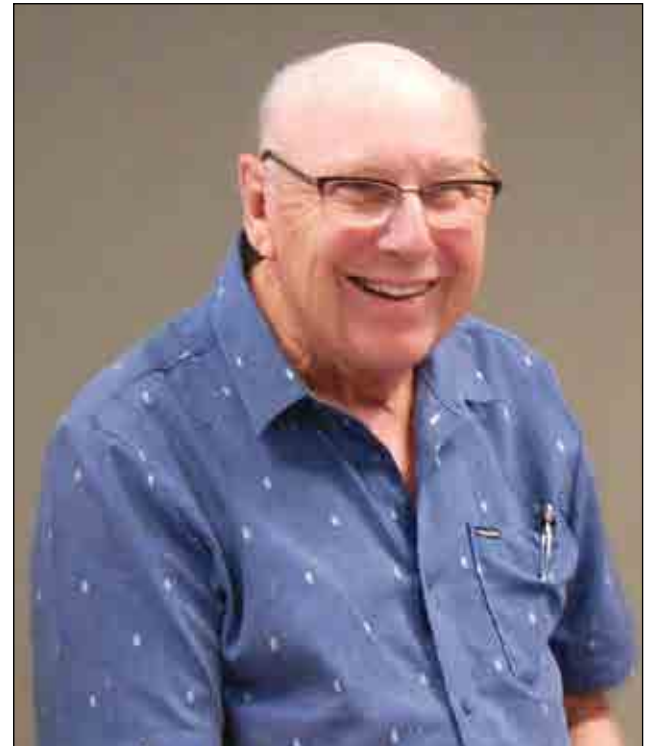
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Left: Andrea Roberts. Right: Murray Fearrey. Submitted.

No talk of recreation facility: Roberts

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Fearrey for mayor, told *The Highlander* by phone, "it is 100 per cent a campaign vision, or promise he is trying to make. There has been no discussion on this property, and zero discussion in this term of council about any recreational facility."

She added, "he's had 40 years as mayor to make recreation a priority and as far as I'm concerned he has not."

During the last round of Dysart budget talks, Roberts said she tried to get \$60,000 set aside in a reserve to make future upgrades to the A.J. LaRue community centre, upstairs in the arena, and her motion was defeated by Fearrey and council. She added that a delegation to the last council meeting called for council to put annual funding into the tennis courts, which are cracking.

She said if council cannot take care of its existing recreational facilities, how will it be able to afford a multi-million-dollar recreation complex.

Roberts said she'd love a community swimming pool

within a recreational facility but said no one lower-tier municipality can afford it, and it would have to be a county-wide initiative.

The video has generated a lot of comments on social media.

Stuart Taylor said, "So, we're to believe this now after Mayor Fearrey has sidelined it his last 12 years or so. It's a campaign ploy that no one should fall for."

Bud Cooper wrote, "This is what I call progress. Haliburton County as a whole needs to progress. We can't sit in the 1950s and say we will not allow new businesses or expansion. We need to change with the times. Good on Murray Fearrey. I do hope that Haliburton will be as vibrant a village as it was years ago."

Wilma Vahrmeyer said, "I think these are beautiful, amazing dreams and plans as long as the people here are included and the council is above board and transparent with it all. And a question. What's the cost?"

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In Minden, internet and telephone voting begins this Saturday, Oct. 6 at 8 a.m. until voting day, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m.

There will be an advanced poll at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre this Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and, on election day, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Lisa Gervais)

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Councillors are asked a question about the state of the township's landfills. Photo by Lisa Gervais

Minden candidates differ on future of arena upgrade

By Lisa Gervais

Mayoral candidates Jarrett Campbell and Wayne Hancock set themselves apart from incumbent Brent Devolin when they told an all-candidates meeting last week they'd halt the planned \$10 million S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre upgrade, pending more community input, studies, and more than one bidder.

Resident Patrick Walshe said major projects require a feasibility and a usage and attitudes study, but "neither has been done on this building."

He asked Devolin why council hasn't done a feasibility study, and Campbell and Hancock, if they'd "commit to stop the development of this nonsense ... until we have a thorough review of a feasibility study and useage and attitudes study, so we know what we're doing, why we're doing it and how much it's going to cost?"

Devolin said council inherited a report from 2014 saying the building was at risk, not only structurally but from potential plant failure, such as what caused a fatal ammonia leak in a BC arena. He said council had been working on it for two-and-a-half years, analyzing and getting public input. "We've heard from many they want a renewed facility that will last for the next 40 years like this one has lasted for the last 40 years."

Walshe commented that Devolin had not answered his question about a feasibility study.

Campbell replied, "100 per cent. Let's pump the brakes. This is out of control. There's no reason one person or one company should be getting a \$10 million job without checking at least three, four other people. Let's find out why we're paying \$10 million."

Hancock said he'd stop the process immediately. "This single tender approval is wrong. We need to go back to the marketplace. We need to have the feasibility study, we need to understand the operating costs. There's a lot to this. It's a major

project. This needs to stop now."

The two councillor-at-large candidates, incumbent Ron Nesbitt and rival John Teljeur also waded into the question.

Nesbitt said, "we did a lot of research. I'm talking hours and hours. If you think for one minute we jumped into the water. It didn't happen. We did a lot of research to make sure we're making the right decision."

Teljeur retorted, "the fact of the matter is, if there was such an urgency to build this thing, two things don't make sense. Why four years? If it was such a struggle [council] could have gone with a \$2.4 million proposal and built it quicker. They took four years to come to this and this is a \$10 million purchase we can't afford."

The public also asked pointed questions about the landfills.

One man asked what candidates would do "to finally resolve this ridiculous, revolving circus at the dump, in terms of getting the problems resolved. Citations by two different ministries, lack of inspections [so the township] doesn't even know the huts of landfill attendants are falling apart, the uncertainty about who's managing, who's employed, a whole range of things."

Earlier on, after a question was asked about water rates, incumbent Councillor Pam Sayne said, "This is the second thing I've learned about that I didn't know before. What this is making me think is we don't need to do this every four years. We should do it more often, just to get these general issues more aired and addressed." Her comment drew applause from the more than 300 people who packed the community centre.

Councillors also fielded questions about transportation, clean and clear bylaws, the ward system and amalgamation, transparency, respect and trust, tourism, the Minden Whitewater Preserve, housing and mandatory septic re-inspections.

For a full recording of the meeting, go to canoe.fm and click on the election debates tab.

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Homeless report sobering for county councillors

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council will be asked this month to support another phase for Pinegrove Place, on the heels of the latest Homelessness Enumeration Report for the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County (CKLH).

Housing manager Hope Lee told *The Highlander*, “we are ... working on another phase to the building we opened in 2017 on Parkside Street in Minden (Pinegrove Place).

“We are asking Minden Hills council for support of that development at their Oct. 11 meeting and asking County Council for support at their Oct. 24 meeting,” she said.

The building being proposed will have 21 units, including nine one-bedroom, nine two-bedroom and three three-bedroom.

In addition, Lee said the Whispering Pines expansion just outside of Haliburton is well underway with expected occupancy in the spring. There are 12 townhouses under construction. Six are two-bedroom units and six are three-bedroom units.

The results of this year’s Homelessness Enumeration Report for the City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton was presented to county council Sept. 26. A number of county councillors called the report “sobering” but did say it provided valuable information for their future planning.

The report was prepared after more than 40 volunteers and professional staff

surveyed people without permanent homes between May 28 and June 1 last spring. They talked to these people at agencies, food banks, libraries and parks.

“The goal of Registry Week was to identify people experiencing homelessness in our communities and gather information on their health and social needs,” Lee said in a press release. She added, “the data collected will allow the city and county to prioritize housing the most vulnerable individuals and families in the community.

“We will use the results collected from the campaign and work with community partners to prioritize actions and ensure a coordinated response to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community,” Lee said.

Local housing advocate Fay Martin said of particular interest to her is the high proportion of youth in Haliburton and the high acuity of their need.

“The community is rightfully proud of recent progress on services to kids, the skate park and the promise of the hub, but clearly there is much more to be done,” she said.

The 20K Homes Campaign is a national movement focused on ending chronic homelessness in 20 communities and housing 20,000 of Canada’s most vulnerable homeless people by July 2020.

CKLH has recommitted to participate, learning from other communities who are also committed to ending homelessness.

Homelessness is defined as being either completely unsheltered, living in emergency shelter, or provisionally accommodated without permanent tenancy.

Since the first Registry Week in 2016, more than 60 of the most vulnerable homeless individuals in the community have been housed, said Lee, far above the city’s and county’s original commitment of 24.

Highlights of the report:

75 households self-identified as experiencing homelessness.

Youth accounted for 21 per cent of all respondents (six in the city and 10 in the county).

Adults accounted for 59 per cent of all respondents (35 in the city and nine in the county).

Families represented 20 per cent of all respondents (five in the city and 10 in the county).

Average length of time without permanent housing is one-and-a-half years and families is three years.

13 households reported being without permanent housing for more than two years.

The most common barriers survey respondents identified as keeping them from securing permanent housing is lack of affordable housing or low income.

23 per cent increase in acuity (depth of need) amongst individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the city and



The first phase of Whispering Pines just outside of Haliburton

the county when compared to the 2016 results.

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What about youth and families?

For five days last spring, volunteers and professional staff talked to people without permanent homes at agencies, food banks, libraries and in parks in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

They've used it to compile this year's homelessness enumeration report.

They are the first to admit that the report is not comprehensive. People had to come forward to share information. And, as we all know, homeless people are not always willing to talk or share their stories. So, what was presented to county councillors last Wednesday was a snapshot of what might be going on here in Haliburton County.

The definition of homelessness means completely unsheltered, living in an emergency shelter, or being provisionally accommodated without permanent tenancy, such as couch surfing.

Our homelessness problem is largely hidden since we don't have people visibly living on the streets, and we don't have a homeless shelter. (We do have YWCA Hers for women and children fleeing domestic abuse).

Those conducting the survey found 75 households that were willing to tell them about their circumstances.

What stands out for me is that while adults

accounted for nearly 60 per cent of all respondents, most of them were in the CKL (35 people) versus nine in the County of Haliburton.

Where we outnumbered the much larger CKL was in the stats for youth and families. We had 10 youth identify as homeless, compared to just six in the city. And, we had 10 families identify as homeless, compared to just five in the city.

These figures further stand out for me since there is such a focus on the need for seniors housing in Haliburton County.

Last week brought a big announcement about a possible seniors' development in Haliburton village, with an average age of 86 mooted.

And, just this past week, Aging Well Haliburton County issued a media release saying it's been asking candidates in the municipal election where they stand on the issue.

The committee is particularly concerned about older adults, 65-years and up. However, they do say in their media release that young adults between the ages of 25 and 34 are also affected by our local housing crisis.

We talked to local housing advocate Fay Martin last week. She said what also jumped out at her from the report was the

high proportion of youth in Haliburton and the high acuity of their need.

She said the community should be proud of recent progress on kids' initiatives, such as the Haliburton Junction Skate Park and the promise of the new Youth Hub, but there's so much more to be done, and few people are talking about housing for this age group.

At the city and county level, there have been some strides towards bridging the housing gap. There's talk of a phase 2 for Pinegrove Place in Minden. And, phase 2 of Whispering Pines just outside of Haliburton will be ready for the spring.

The CKL and Haliburton have housed 60 of the most vulnerable homeless people in the community since 2016 - when they did their first registry week. That's far from the original commitment of 24. That's a good news story. However, there's still a long way to go.

We would be most interested in hearing from municipal candidates on what they would do to tackle youth and family homelessness in Haliburton County, not just the crisis for seniors.



By Lisa Gervais

The Outsider Bad connections and looming elections

Dear councillor and candidates for the job, I'd like the roads well maintained, the school renovated, a municipal swimming pool and one less drug store on the main street but most of all, the thing that'll swing my vote your way, is high-speed internet access. If you can guarantee to make Bell or any other of those corporate 'couldn't-give-a-rat's-ass-about-the-consumer' communications giants to run the cable the last 200 yards down my little road to my house I'd vote for you now and forevermore.

There's high-speed at the end of the road. There's even a junction box thingy but the ironically titled customer service representative on the end of the line tells me that there's not enough call for high-speed down my road. The fact that the high-speed line stretches to every uninsulated, seasonal, only used for six weeks a year cottage on Koshlong Lake makes no difference to him, but it bugs the hell out of me because I have to listen to my lovely wife struggle to talk to her mom every week.

"Yes, William has taken Zebedee to look at the fall covers," she says as she stares at the image of her mom on the computer

screen. They are skyping, video calling one another, a wonderful way for loved ones separated by the Atlantic Ocean to keep in touch, you might think. But my lovely wife's mother is not looking too good. She's somewhat pixelated, her face breaking up a little each time our not so high-speed internet connection slows to a crawl. When she speaks, the sound of her words do not match movement of her mouth and as transmission gets worse there's a crackle and bits of her sentences go missing altogether.

"What did you say?" shouts a blocky faced grandma from the screen.

"Fall colours. They're outside checking out the colours of the fall trees."

"... You say Zebedee fell ... on a cover? That boat cover lying on the driveway I bet. I told William it was dangerous when we were last there, and now my little boy has fallen and hurt his knees?"

"Nooo!" Shouts my lovely wife at the screen, before trying again to explain.

As Little Z and I come in to see what all the fuss is about grandma's face is so distorted that as I listen to the explanation, I can't fathom whether she's merely

pixelated or I'm in a whole world of unwarranted trouble for allowing my son to check out the autumnal splendour of our backyard.

I wave at the screen and leave quickly. Little Z is forced to stay and struggle through a video chat with his grandma. Poor little guy.

And so, councillors and candidates, high-speed internet, promise me that and you get my vote. In fact, I should call each and every one of you to state my case but then again can you imagine it.

"I want internet connectivity, high-speed."

"I'm sorry sir, I'm having a little trouble hearing you but ... hockey nets and nativity ... erm, yes I can assure you, vote for me and we'll get the arena new hockey nets, and a nativity scene in the foyer for Christmas. But high on weed ... I can't promise anything about getting high on weed, that's a federal thing ... erm I'm gonna go now. Thank you for your call. Good bye."



By Will Jones

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submissions to editor@thehighlander.ca

Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: *What do you like about the Studio Tour?* Photos and interviews by Danielle Martin.



Charleen Dickenson
Minden
You get to see how much work goes into the final pieces.



Mark and Sandy Anderson
Minden
There is a wide diversity in the artists.



Miranda Thomas
Minden
The studio tour is great for a spontaneous outing.



Grant and Barb Dickinson
Minden
You are always left wondering what you are going to see.



Lajos Ziemba
Minden
The quality of the work is very high.

Letters

Smile Cookie Week a success

Dear editor,

Smile Cookie week has just ended for 2018 and the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County would like to thank Tim Horton's owner Nancy Bishop and all her amazing managers and staff for their tremendous effort and support in promoting the Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign.

We also would like to thank all the Haliburton Lions Club members, Heike Roome, Alana Bannister, Kelsey Russell, Jonah Aldom and Dr. John Purc, who assisted the board members and Tim Horton's bakers in decorating cookies.

Thank you to Canoe FM and Moose FM for advertising Smile Cookie week and last but definitely not least, thank you to all who supported this cause by purchasing Smile Cookies.

Volunteer Dental Outreach will use the funds raised to continue to provide free dental care to hundreds of adults in the County who cannot afford dental care.

With sincere gratitude,

*The board of directors of
Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton
County*

Thanks to HHHS

Dear editor,

I'm writing to share our recent experience with the Haliburton Hospital and the wonderful staff we encountered. On July 23, my 83-year-old mother (Betty O'Brien) had a nightmare and fell out of bed at our cottage in Wilberforce. She was in excruciating pain so we called 911. The dispatch operator stayed on the line until first responders arrived and carefully moved Mom into the ambulance, expertly navigating the bumpy ride through our cottage road to the hospital, keeping me calm as I rode along.

We found out Mom had fractured her pelvis and would need to remain in hospital. The attending emergency doctor contacted hospitals near her home in Durham Region,

but of course no beds were available. Fortunately, one room was in Haliburton. She remained in Haliburton for four weeks waiting for a bed in the Oshawa Rehabilitation Unit where she had an additional week's stay. Mom was cared for by an exceptional team of doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, personal support workers, kitchen and cleaning staff. There was a professional, caring, community feeling evident no matter who we encountered. Small town medicine at its best ...

She's at home now and slowly, steadily, getting stronger. I haven't named our caregivers personally at the risk of missing someone, but I hope you all recognize yourselves in this message.

We were able to support a number of the Hospital Auxiliary fundraising activities in the community while we were there, and encourage other cottagers and residents to do so as well. The hospital is such an important part of the community and deserving of our support to ensure it has the funding required to keep current and have the services available when the need arises, often when we least expect it.

*Kellea Passmore
Highlands East cottager*

The ward system

Dear editor,

The ward system became a reality in 2000 with the amalgamation of the Township of Minden Hills. The system was necessary then to combine the three councils as each had a reeve, deputy reeve, councillors, clerk, etc. reducing those positions to one council for that election. Now, 14 years since that election's four-year span can we not have an at-large election, eliminating the wards, next time?

Canning Lake, where I am a permanent resident, is divided down the middle of the lake between Snowdon and Minden townships. Are my concerns not the same as those across the lake from me? There are many excellent candidates running for council in ward one whom I would love to support but in the ward system I am not able to cast my vote there. I can only vote for ward three councillors.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Sales manager Walt Griffin snapped this photograph of a backyard buck stealing from a garden. *Submitted photo.*

Some think the little areas of the township would not be heard from in a non-ward system. All candidates in this election should be looking at the big picture as your concerns were all the same at the candidates meeting. You would have a voice at the council meetings where your concerns should be brought forward no matter who you were representing. The fear of reducing the number of councillors could be solved by having a vote for five councillors at

large.

Those who chose to be a candidate in this election should be applauded not scorned as it is a 24/7 job at the mercy of the citizens with their many problems or concerns. Thank you, candidates, for putting yourselves out there. Our job now is to vote.

*Lois Rigney
Canning Lake, Township of Minden Hills*

Highlander election

Editor's note: We have asked all candidates in the upcoming municipal elections the following three questions. This week, we are focusing on Dysart et al.

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- 1) Tell me a little bit about yourself - particularly what would make you a good candidate - ie. previous work experience, or volunteering for the township are good points.
- 2) Why are you running? What do you think you can do for the ratepayers of Dysart et al that your competitors cannot?
- 3) How do you think the township is being run? What would be your good, bad and ugly list?



Murray Fearrey
Mayoral candidate

1. I was a business owner in the municipality for 30 years. I understand the difficulties of running a small business. I have perspective on the value of a dollar, something I always incorporate into government. My municipal experience has shown time and time again the importance of experienced leadership, bringing people together to make decisions about our future. I know how government works and have vast knowledge of this municipality. This experience will continue to build the positive growth of our area. I have negotiated the majority of the union contacts, finding fair positions for employees and taxpayers. I have served 12 times as warden so understand teamwork and compromise. Under my leadership, previous councils have accomplished many projects. Head Lake Park in partnership with the Rotary Club and integral in the discussions with Queen's Park and Fleming College for the location of the Fleming campus in Haliburton.

2. I'm running because I believe the next four years will be challenging, a new provincial government in Queens Park, the possibility of six new councillors, environmental issues such as landfill and sewage, will need experienced leadership. Several issues I have been a part of are coming to completion or in the process of being started. Examples of these are: the affordable housing complexes, a major project for seniors in Dysart, student housing, an internet solution that can better serve the entire municipality, and recreation facilities. These are part of my long-term vision. One-tier government will be a discussion. I understand the ramifications and have the experience to understand both sides of this argument and to resolve what is in the best interest of Dysart and County of Haliburton taxpayers. I know I have the energy, the foresight, the leadership and the experience to see these projects completed.

3. The municipality is well-run, cost efficient, has competent staff, and well-informed, conscientious council members. After the last election, we had a community-based meeting to adapt what was in essence a strategic plan. The committee formed from that meeting is still functioning, but has lost some of the original interest. If re-elected, I would take this committee in one direction to focus on high speed internet. The possibility of our water bodies being polluted, our water quality, holds the value for many properties and the pollution of our lakes would have a devastating affect on our economy. Organizations such as the CHA need to be supported with actions, not just words. The most recent example of action being the re-inspection program for septic systems and the education of property owners about their septic systems.



Andrea Roberts
Mayoral candidate

1. I moved to Haliburton from Toronto just over 30 years ago, met my husband Steve here and stayed. We have a blended family of three girls. I've always been passionate about being involved in the community and have served on many boards and community groups. In the last 12 years on council, I've learned a lot and gained valuable experience. I've had the opportunity to chair several committees and feel I have the ability to work with, and motivate others, both staff, council and committee members. I also founded and have been chair of Rotary Music in the Park for the last five years. I'm an active member of St. George's Anglican Church, a member and volunteer of the Haliburton Curling Club. I'm ready to take on the added responsibility of being mayor and feel my experience, passion, energy and skills will contribute to being an active, engaged leader.

2. I'm running for mayor because I can offer a fresh perspective to the head of the table. I would ensure all councillors and I had a good understanding of the municipality's assets, including buildings, parks, facilities, vacant land, and equipment. It would be helpful to meet all municipal employees and have information and goal-setting meetings with senior staff. I'd like to work on a strategic plan for the township with specific goals for both the term of council and for the future. I would encourage new and returning councillors to take any training opportunities that arise and to get involved in the community. I'd also like to have town hall sessions where council can hear the concerns within our large township on a regular basis. I offer change, and change is good. It can be seen as an opportunity for the future, not a criticism of the past.

3. The municipality has some of the best staff around and they do the heavy lifting. The difficulty is that many staff have to wear several hats and don't have the time to do all the work that they'd like to. One hard part of running the municipality is that we mostly hear the problems and complaints. Now and then we need to look back and see how far we've come ... We are not without our problems but I would say there is no ugly. We live in the most beautiful place with kind and caring people. Volunteers show up to everything, donations roll in for all kinds of projects and organizations, there is a vibrant arts community, many fantastic recreational opportunities and a joyful spirit.

ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS

Dysart et al

Thursday, October 4 at 7 p.m., Fleming College, Haliburton.

Mayors and Deputy Mayors (countywide):

Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m., Fleming College, Haliburton

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Highlander election



Dennis Casey Deputy Mayor

1. I'm a lifetime resident of Haliburton and have earned my living and raised my family here. I'm married to Roxanne, have twin daughters, and with their husbands, live and work in Dysart. We have four grandchildren. I have a diploma in Financial Management Business Administration from Fleming and have been self-employed for most of my working life. I've done accounting, road/heavy construction and tourism. My family owned and operated Birch Point Lodge on Lake Kashagawigamog. I currently operate Roxden Management Services. I've volunteered on the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Canoe FM and Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, sat on various committees of Fleming College, Getaway Country, Ontario Chamber of Commerce and Central Ontario Tourism Association. I successfully bid on, and secured, Haliburton County's first

Ontario Senior Games in 2011 and I'm currently the treasurer of the Haliburton Highlands Resource Centre and host a Bluegrass Program on Canoe FM.

2. I've been on council for nine years and know I have the experience to take on the position of deputy mayor and sit on county council. I like the challenges ... and look forward to having more responsibility. As a current councillor, I have great attendance, I read all information that is sent to me and I do site visits for all committee or council issues – this will not change. For you the ratepayers, I will listen to what you tell me, I will be available to you and I will bring your concerns and comments to the council table. I have addressed five main issues: economic development, affordable housing, environment, short-term rentals/septic systems and one-tier government. In addition, I have been asked about the possibility of a splash pad and also the expansion of our industrial park. I would certainly support these two initiatives.

3. Generally, the municipality is well run. We are fortunate to have good employees on all fronts. Our finances and reserves are in very good shape and we are experiencing a reasonable level of growth. Having said that, our community still needs to continue to grow in numbers and diversity. As a municipality, we need to seek out and encourage new and innovative businesses to start up or relocate to our community and we need to offer help, support and guidance to these businesses. As more and more people are eliminating their land line phones, it is crucial that Dysart needs to continue to work closely with the County to encourage and assist internet and cell phone providers to further develop their reach.



Patrick Kennedy Deputy Mayor

1. I am a lifetime resident of the Highlands. My wife Cheryl and I raised our two daughters here, and they are now raising their families here. I understand the challenges our young families face including daycare shortages, high food and utility prices, lack of affordable housing, internet and cell coverage, and the limited recreational opportunities for families. I owned and operated a store in Haliburton for a number of years, and enjoyed a 34-year career as a paramedic. The final eight years of my career, I served as the Director of Emergency Services for the County before retiring in 2014. I have served on many local, regional and provincial committees and boards. I currently sit on the board of directors of the Haliburton County Development Corporation. This opportunity allows me to be knowledgeable with the challenges,

issues and opportunities our business community faces.

2. I am running because I want to help shape and mold our future at both the local and County level. I believe that we are on the verge of unprecedented growth, and our council needs someone to bring fresh ideas, as well as the ability to "think outside the box" to find solutions when dealing with the challenges ahead. I believe I am that person. I have an excellent track record of "getting the job done." The roads and villages are busier this year than they have ever been and I am up for the challenges facing us as we plan for this future growth and still deal with present issues and pressures. I believe in balancing fiscal responsibility with sound judgment while remaining committed to a goal of creating a community for all ages and passions.

3. Dysart has been hampered in keeping pace with failing infrastructure as provincial funding has been cut or in some cases more downloading has occurred in recent years. Doing more with less is a challenge that we all face whether personally or as a municipal government. I don't see a plan that our current council is following. I will recommend we develop a three to five-year operational plan to address immediate challenges, and then take steps to achieve success. Development of a plan with priority goals will assist us in achieving success while making maximum use of available funds. I believe when we all (council and staff) know where we want to be with a clear roadmap, then success is achievable. We must also take advantage of the extraordinary talent pool of experienced people here in Dysart who are more than willing to help, but more importantly listen to them as we move forward.



Bram Lebo Ward 1

1. I've been here 20 years in total, 10 as a permanent resident. In that time, I've built one business and started another, employing 10 people locally. I've spent five years on the board of HHHS as a volunteer and five as a volunteer director of the Chamber of Commerce, about eight volunteering at Canoe FM and the last four on Dysart's economic development committee. In Dysart, I've found what's been lost in so many other places, and I'm fiercely determined to preserve this place

so that future generations can enjoy living here as much as we do.

2. I'm running to put my skills to work on behalf of our community. To ensure what we have is protected and that what is coming our way fits into our values, our lifestyle and our priorities. We are under tremendous pressure from many directions: declining funding, a rapid influx of wealth on our lakes, declining school enrolment, a labour shortage, housing shortage and waste management crisis. If we expect to get somewhere, we need to plan where 'there' is. Many of our problems can be solved with commitment and determination. I will bring that commitment and determination to council – to respect our past, make the most of our present, and plan for our future.

3. Our municipality is being run competently and responsibly. We do not, however, have a plan, which means we can only react to what happens around us. If we intend to get anywhere - to solve our problems and adapt to changes that are happening whether we like them or not - we must have a plan. Then, we work towards it, making adjustments where we have to but always making decisions based on the small community values that all of us respect and want to preserve.



Nancy Wood-Roberts Ward 1

1. I am Nancy Wood-Roberts, the current councillor and resident of Ward 1, Municipality of Dysart. I am a permanent and lifelong resident of the Village of Haliburton. I have worked at Haliburton Highlands Health Services for 35 years. For the past several years, I have been a weekend worker, in part so that I could spend time with family, and so I could commit to meetings for the municipality.

2. I have a deep and genuine desire to see our municipality thrive. There are many factors to consider when making decisions on a wide magnitude of issues. I try to

make decisions based on the well-being of our residents, our environment and our varying business sectors. The question "what do you think you can do for the ratepayers of Dysart that your competitor cannot?" isn't really a question that is easy to answer. I have this term of council for experience, as well as two previous terms in early 2000 (I think). I have time, desire and a long-standing connection with the community. I think of the impact decisions will have on the municipality as a whole, but specifically Ward 1, which I hope to represent again. Ward 1 is a small geographic area, I think of it as being filled with friends and neighbours. Some decisions cause hard feeling between people, and that can be very difficult at times, but the benefit to and for the community have to come first.

3. I think the municipality has been run well. The staff are very efficient, always finding cost saving, and attempting to streamline processes for our ratepayers. The tax rate has been held steady, and growth, though slow at times, has been steady. The biggest challenges our township faces are our roads. So many roads, and not enough dollars to be able to do what we want with them. We have a great and dedicated roads department, fire department, and staff in the office. We are so fortunate to have numerous community agencies and groups that all work toward the betterment of our municipality.

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Larry Clarke
Ward 2

1. As a full-time resident of Dysart for over 10 years, I have been active in community research, lake planning, business development, bylaw administration, environmental education and a term as a township councillor in Minden Hills. All of this has provided a strong understanding of municipal government and the importance of community consultation and planning. I have been a cottager for most of my life, and value both a healthy community and natural environment. To support these, my interests and education have actively involved community planning and environmental stewardship. My business background, from the mid-seventies to 2009, has been in project and services management for companies and clients in finance, insurance, legal services and government. This involved review and implementation of management processes and technology to improve operations and profitability.

2. It is important to me to be active in supporting and planning for a healthy community. I enjoyed the work as a councillor in Minden Hills, engaging with the community and researching issues and opportunities for the broad range of topics involved in municipal administration and planning. I believe that with my education and experience I can make a strong positive contribution to Dysart's next council. Council must be proactive in identifying and understanding the changing needs of our residents and cottagers, and ensure that our planning and services support best practices for protecting our natural environment and community resources. I believe, too, that it is important we evaluate options and alternatives for how our township services are delivered, including collaboration with neighbouring townships.

3. Dysart et al has been very successful in encouraging and attracting local investment in community resources, infrastructure and the arts. The village has an ongoing program of weekend events to engage residents, cottagers and visitors, and year-round activities that support great social interaction. There have been some inroads to address affordable housing and services, and additional help is needed for young families and seniors to remain in the community. We have a need to understand and plan for the evolving issues and services to maintain and grow our community successfully for today and the future. The changing environment and residential growth along our lakes and rivers need to be assessed regarding impact on our settlement areas and quality of our waters. Education and environmental stewardship must be supported by council to protect our property values, tourism economy and quality of life.

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David McKay
Ward 2

1. I grew up in Haliburton and enjoyed the area so much that I chose to stay here. I'm a firm believer that people need to be involved in their community to make it a better place, so for the past 20 years I have donated my time as a volunteer firefighter as well as sat on the board with the minor hockey association at multiple levels.

2. I think if you're passionate about your community and have the opportunity to make a positive impact on it, then you go for it. I believe it takes all council members working as a team to make a difference, but I am committed to listening to the public's concerns and suggestions and being their strong voice when discussing the future of Dysart.

3. There's always room for improvement. New voices, new ideas. I think change is a good thing.



Mike Stinson
Ward 2

1. I was born and raised in Haliburton and I also attended school here. After graduation I joined the OPP and was stationed in Grand Bend for five years. I came back home to Haliburton and bought Walling's Dairy, which I ran for 10 years before selling it. I worked for Dysart et al on the roads department for 27 years. During that time, I joined the Haliburton Fire Department where I spent 17 years, five of which I was fire chief.

2. I am currently retired and have the time to devote to the community. I also believe that I have the experience from working on the roads department that the others do not.

3. I believe the municipality is being run quite well. They are keeping our taxes reasonable and the community happy. Although there are some areas in the community that do require more attention, such as some of the roads are in need of serious repairs.

HIGHLANDER ELECTION

The Highlander is running questions and answers with all municipal candidates. Last week we featured Minden Hills candidates. Next week, we'll feature Dysart et al's remaining candidates.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students wash cars on Saturday, Sept. 29 as part of a fundraiser for next year's prom.
Photo by Danielle Martin.

AH prepares for fall colours madness

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands is primed and ready for the annual fall tourist migration, according to staff.

The township sees some of the province's highest numbers of leaf-watchers, especially for the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower and on Highway 60 leading to Algonquin Park.

Over the years council has approved several measures to improve traffic flow, avoid safety risks and reduce trespassing. These include installing a second gate and extending the parking lot at the tower, which didn't entirely prevent impatient tourists from parking curbside on busy Highway 35 and walking alongside traffic to reach the tower entrance.

There was also the issue of tourists jamming sideroads in Oxtongue Lake to try to avoid the Highway 60 traffic and trespassing on private property.

Last year's additional precautions brought greater success and are being repeated.

For example, in Oxtongue Lake, signs have been posted on seven sideroads indicating they are closed to through traffic (the signs will stay up until Oct. 9).

For the tower, three OPP officers have been hired to manage traffic flow on Highway 35 and help prevent curbside parking.



Chris Card, Algonquin Highlands parks, recreation and trails manager, directs traffic at the Dorset tower last fall. File photo.

Also, "we have our additional parking at the base of the tower hill [on private property] secured again, the MTO [Ministry of Transportation of Ontario] signs are up for the 'no parking' in each direction [and]

I have the staff secured," said Chris Card, parks, recreation and trails manager, at council's Sept. 20 regular meeting.

"All we need is the colours now, although buses are already starting to show up."

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Minden Hills news

Next steps in arena upgrade

Minden Hills took another step towards the \$10 million refurbishment of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre Sept. 27 when a majority of councillors gave the green light to a draft letter of intent to the successful bidders on the project.

A final draft is expected in time for council's Oct. 11 meeting.

It basically means that the integrated project delivery team can spend up to \$140,000 for some preliminary work that must be done at the site.

Council awarded the tender to McDonald Brothers Construction and Parking Architects Limited back on July 18.

Next steps will also see the parties entering into a Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC 30) contract.

Director of Community Services, Mark Coleman, said township officials met with the builders and developers Sept. 18 at the arena.

Coun. Pam Sayne asked for a recorded vote, and voted against the

recommendation. She had concerns with council proceeding during 'lame duck' status. She further thinks decisions about the future of the arena and community centre should go to the new council with more community input.

But Coleman said the township's solicitor had reviewed the portfolio and "staff are satisfied there are no concerns."

Coun. Jeanne Anthon agreed, saying it was a culmination of four years of work by council and expertise of the arena task force. "I will not abdicate my duties at the eleventh hour. We must move ahead."

Vending machines replace concession

Vending machines will be placed in the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena this hockey season after no one came forward to run the snack bar this year.

The decision was made at the Sept. 27 council meeting.

In a report to council, Mark Coleman, director of community services, said they tendered twice in late summer and early fall but have had no bites. They then tried past vendors and other area food vendors,

advertising on their website, social media and in the newspaper. He gave council four options: putting it back out to tender with more vendor-friendly options, have the township run it, no snack bar this year or the vending machine option.

Coleman said he'd talked to an interested vending machine operator in Peterborough who would be willing to do a one-season trial.

Councillor Pam Sayne asked if the township could approach vendors who supply healthier food services elsewhere in the community, but Coleman said they would have to meet health unit regulations, and match the arena's schedule, which is mostly evenings and weekends.

Council voted to go ahead with the vending machine option while staff investigate other options.

Queen Elizabeth II park questions raised

The Devil's Lake Cottage Association has approached the township with concerns about the growth in popularity of Queen Elizabeth II Wildland Provincial Park and, specifically, the pressure it is putting on

parking at the Devil's Lake access point.

"By making this a provincial park access point, the traffic has swelled to an estimated three to four times the amount," Francois Gauthier, president of the association, and Jill Gillespie, long-time cottager, wrote. They were scheduled to make a delegation to the Sept. 27 council meeting but were not in attendance.

They also submitted a video taken Sept. 4, showing 106 cars in the lot. They said it used to have about 45 spots before some no parking signs reduced it to 35. They're worried about emergency vehicles getting through and say Devil's Lake cottagers are bringing everything in, rather than shopping in town, to ensure they don't lose their parking spaces.

Ultimately, the residents want a separate access point to Sheldon Lake in the park. Further, they want the township to lobby the province for better resources for the park, and to restart the park management plan.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the delegation was part of a larger conversation with the community and QE II staff after the election.

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Let's start by looking at wills. As most people are aware, the primary purpose of a will is to distribute your assets according to your wishes when you die. Promises you make verbally or even in writing may not be effective without a will; you may wish to leave money to charity or specific items to people you love. A will ensures all of this happens without unnecessary costs and aggravation for your beneficiaries.

When you work with a professional, making a will also becomes an opportunity to do some important tax and succession planning. Spouses will usually want to ensure title to their home, and possibly other properties, is registered as a joint tenancy, so that when one spouse dies the other automatically becomes the sole owner. Often it also makes sense to name each other as beneficiaries for registered accounts like RSPs and TFSAs, again to ensure a simple, tax-optimized transfer when one partner dies.

In other cases, for example second

marriages where the intention is to leave each spouse's assets to their own children rather than to the other spouse, tenancy in common may be more appropriate. Business owners can set up structures to make succession smoother and more predictable.

You'll also want to consider who will get what and how your plans will play out among members of your family. You may have good reasons for leaving one child more than another; taking the time to think through your plans and make some notes on them with a professional can help avoid upset when the time comes.

The point is to arrange your affairs so your estate pays the least amount of tax, your wishes are respected, and conflicts between your beneficiaries are avoided; some advance planning can make a huge difference.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

This document allows someone else to sign your name for all kinds of purposes, in case you're not able to do your banking, pay bills or sell your property when you need to. It's not just for when you're infirm – a power of attorney can be used if you're on an extended vacation or otherwise unavailable. It can be restricted to allow the person you name as attorney to do only certain things, for

example manage a single bank account. It can also be restricted to certain time frames, for example while you are out of the country.

People usually make powers of attorneys so that, if they become incapable of managing their affairs – through illness, mental incompetence or otherwise – someone else can do it for them. The critical element is this: **once you are no longer mentally competent you cannot make a power of attorney.** It's too late, and your family will either have to manage without one or someone will have to apply to the province for guardianship on your behalf, a more complicated and expensive process than having a power of attorney.

PERSONAL CARE DIRECTIVE

These are similar to powers of attorney, but instead of dealing with your property they come into effect when you are unable to make decisions about your own healthcare. They too can be restricted to certain time frames and activities, and just like powers of attorney, cannot be made once you are no longer mentally competent.

The personal care directive allows you to name someone who will be empowered to make decisions on your behalf, and to specifically set out what kinds of decisions you would like them to make. Many people

have strong opinions as to what kind of care they'd prefer – everything from living accommodations to end-of-life decisions. A personal care directive is crucial if you want to ensure your wishes are respected and that someone you trust is able to make decisions on your behalf.

It's common, for example, for people to include 'no heroic measures' in the event of terminal illness – if you don't have this document, prepared well in advance while you're still capable of deciding your care, your wishes may not be respected by medical professionals and institutions.

Having the right paperwork provides tremendous peace of mind that your wishes will be respected if you ever become incapable of making decisions, or if you die. Many people find the process a relief – we may not know how the future will unfold, but we can plan for it nevertheless. If you'd like to be sure you and your family are prepared, I'd be pleased to help you put your personal plans together.

This is not legal advice. Readers are encouraged to speak to a legal professional before making a will, power of attorney or personal care directive. These are important legal documents with serious implications.

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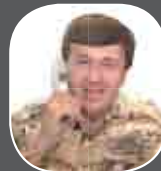
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Irondale landfill needs work

By Lisa Gervais

A Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) inspection has found problems with the Irondale waste disposal site and recycling centre in Minden Hills that must be fixed in order for the site to remain compliant.

Further, the township is continuing to discuss options around making the site a transfer station.

MOECP senior environmental officer, Aaron Gordon, visited Irondale on June 26, 2018.

Ivan Ingram, the township's environmental and property operations manager, tabled a report on Gordon's findings to the Sept. 13 committee of the whole meeting and an action plan to the Sept. 27 meeting of council.

Ingram said Gordon identified the slope of the waste mound as too steep, the need to replace a monitoring well, doing a study to see if the township needs to add a surface water sampling location at a pond, and picking up litter around the burn pile.

Ingram told council last week the plan is to do the re-sloping by July 31, 2019; if a monitoring site is needed, by Nov. 30 this year; a study into a surface water monitoring station by April 30 next year and cleaning up around the burn permit already done.

Ingram said an action plan and timeline would be submitted to the MOECP on or before Sept. 30.

He said the cost of the compliance action plan would be \$960.50, to be awarded to Cambium Inc. The design and operations plan and well re-installation is costed at \$7,853.50, and would go to GDH Limited. Ingram noted the 2018 budget included

\$9,000 for a design and operations plan.

The Sept. 13 meeting also heard from Todd Powell, a wildlife biologist who specializes in species at risk. He discussed how the site is in a provincially-significant wetland and how Blanding Turtles have been identified as a species at risk. He said if deemed critical habitat it would greatly impact what the township can do with a landfill. He lauded efforts to make it into a transfer station.

Asked by mayor Brent Devolin at the earlier meeting about timelines to metamorphosize into a transfer station, Ingram suggested it could be done by the end of 2020 at the latest. As for cost, he said they did it at Ingoldsby for \$55,000 but that was eight years ago.

Scotch Line cleanup update

Meanwhile, *The Highlander* asked Gordon for an update on the leachate clean up at the Scotch Line landfill.

The ministry's Peterborough District Office received complaints in the spring of 2017 about the general operations associated with the site. As a result, the ministry conducted a detailed site visit and inspection which confirmed non-compliance issues, including leachate seeps from the waste mound. The ministry subsequently issued a provincial officer's order to the township of requiring an action plan to address the issues at the site.

Recently, Gordon said, "the township has complied with all requirements of the order and are scheduled to complete all required work at the site by the end of the year. The ministry continues to conduct regular site visits to ensure continued compliance with the provincial officer's order."

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Thrift shop wants landfill fees waived

By Lisa Gervais

Displaying a dirty roasting pan, coffee mug and flattened shoe, Rev. Joan Cavanagh and Deacon Martha Waind of St. Paul's Anglican Thrift Shop in Minden made an impassioned plea at the last council meeting to have the thrift shop's rising landfill fees waived in future.

The church has operated the thrift shop behind the church at 19 Invergordon Ave. for several years to address what Rev. Cavanagh told council is a great need in the community.

However, Deacon Waind said that over the last year-and-a-half, they're getting "more and more stuff that should be going to the dump," instead of the thrift shop. Rev. Cavanagh said people are dropping off items that are dirty, damaged, sometimes mouldy, laden with pet hair, and even dog feces on the bottom of shoes.

As the useless donations have piled up, Waind said they have had to hire help to cart it off to the Scotch Line landfill and then also pay tipping fees.

For example, she recalled how last week someone left a mattress outside the back door that was soaked with rain water. They had to hire helpers to bring it to the landfill

where they were subsequently charged. She said they do get some "wonderful" donations, but of late there's been "too much junk."

"We're averaging \$300-a-month just to take things to the dump," she told councillors at their Sept. 13 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

That's when Rev. Cavanagh brought out the roasting pan, mug and shoe. Holding the shoe up, she said she was getting to the soul of the matter.

Rev. Cavanagh said the church goes about its work quietly, but noted it had distributed more than \$40,000 to the community, such as Fuel for Warmth, the food bank, Places for People, and braces and backpacks for children - all in an area of high unemployment or underemployment.

She noted that none of the money raised by the thrift shop is used to support the church, but that 80 per cent goes to the community and 20 per cent to the wider world, church community.

Mayor Brent Devolin said ratepayers should be taking junk items to the landfill, not donating them to the thrift shop and said that he personally supported the request. A decision will likely be made at the next council meeting.

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Highlander health



HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer at a past board meeting. *File photo.*

Portable X-ray coming to Minden Hospital

A new piece of equipment will be available at the Minden Hills hospital. The Haliburton Highlands Health Services' board of directors learned at its September meeting that a single donor stepped up to purchase the new device. HHHS Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Tompkins, praised Doctor Lenora Butler for the donation (also on behalf of her late husband, Charles Butler). HHHS President and CEO Carolyn Plummer says the new mobile unit is state-of-the-art and like an X-ray room on wheels and can be moved around easily. Tompkins said the Butlers have been cottagers in the Minden area for several years.

HHHS in red after first quarter

Finance committee chairperson David Gray says health services is running an approximately \$250,000 deficit after its first quarter, which started in April. Gray said the biggest factors are operating expenses for its long-term care homes, as well as Ontario's Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, which in part saw an increase of the minimum wage to \$14 an hour to start 2018. The board approved a plan to tackle the deficit, which includes taking advantage of recently-announced funding for long-term care. Plummer and Gray both stated that they expect health services to break even by the end of its fiscal year on March 31, 2019.

Community Paramedicine Program to be featured

Medical professionals across Ontario want to learn more

about an initiative created in Haliburton County. Health Quality Ontario is hosting a conference this month on innovations in health care and wants to learn more about the Community Paramedicine Program. The program, which is a joint venture between health services and Haliburton County, has a paramedic do health checks for clients. These checks include a check of vital signs, as well as looking at potential fall dangers in homes and medication checks. Officials from the county and health services said the program was created to help avoid an unnecessary visit to the emergency room. The conference will be on Oct. 17-18 in Toronto.

Former board member hopes to see dialysis one day

The board opened up its meeting thanking a former member for his service. Dale Robinson says he first joined the board in 2009, where he served until 2017 when health issues forced him to step down. While giving thanks to staff, as well as current and former board members, Robinson said he would love to see kidney dialysis added to the list of services. He added that those who need dialysis have to drive approximately an hour-and-a-half to access it. He mentioned this was something the board has discussed in the past. Robinson also praised the board for its collaborative approach and added that this approach would be key in the evolution of HHHS.

(HHHS board briefs compiled by Kenny Trenton)

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Highlander arts



Author Frances Itani. Photo by Maggie Knaus.

Frances Itani: writer in residence

By Lisa Gervais

A member of the Order of Canada, and author of 13 published books, Frances Itani is delighted she'll be hanging her literary hat in Haliburton this October.

The Arts Council of Haliburton Highlands and its Literary Arts Roundtable is bringing Itani to town for its inaugural writer in residence program Oct. 11-25.

The Canadian fiction writer, poet and essayist is a former nurse, but after enrolling in a writing class taught by W.O. Mitchell, decided to change careers. She's gone on to be published in 16 countries.

"I was delighted to be offered this great opportunity because I enjoy teaching so much," Itani told The Highlander.

She said that because of her work schedule (she's currently working on two novels for a two-book contract), she's unable to teach a full-term or even half-term.

"So, this kind of 'getaway' is exactly what I like to do. I get to meet many people. I get to be in beautiful Haliburton in October. I plan to work pretty much full-time in the community during the first week, and then I have several days to myself 'in retreat.'

Itani said her daughter and her family live in Haliburton so she'll be able to see them. Her granddaughters are now 11 and 13 and she's always been close to them, "so this is an extra bonus."

"But I am really interested in meeting writers of all levels, students at the high school and members of the public. Most of all, I look forward to the exchange of ideas. I can try to impart some of the things I have learned over the years, and I'll be learning from others, as well.

"As you can see, I'm pretty enthusiastic about this and really look forward to being in the community for a couple of weeks."

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and its Literary Arts Roundtable is equally

enthusiastic.

"To have such a prestigious author serve as the Arts Council's inaugural writer in residence is quite a coup for the many writers who live and, or cottage here," Ruth E. Walker, a member of the Literary Arts Committee of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands said.

Renée Woltz, the Arts Council treasurer, added, "The committee is so pleased to be able to bring such a high caliber writer to our community. We're especially pleased that the scheduled events will benefit members of the public, writers in the community and students at the high school."

Walker said October is definitely a great month for writers and readers in Haliburton. Besides Itani's two-week residency, CBC Radio host, journalist and award-winning author Carol Off is the upcoming guest author for Friends of the Library gala on Oct. 28.

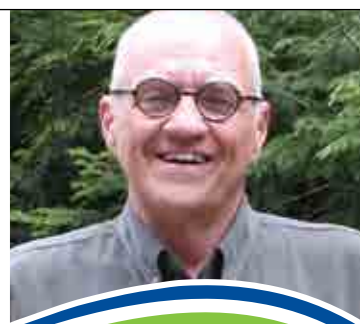
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Francis Itani events:

The public will have an opportunity to attend "An Evening with Frances Itani" on Oct. 12 in the Great Hall of Fleming College's Haliburton Campus. Admission for this event will be by donation with a suggested donation of \$10.

Writers and aspiring writers in the community are taking part in a one-day workshop Oct. 13, titled "Asking the Right Questions to Keep your Writing Alive," and private feedback sessions scheduled for Oct. 15-17.

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Lydia Kim and food coordinator Jay McIvor brown chicken for butter chicken at SIRCH Central this past Monday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Cooking it up all fall

By Lisa Gervais

Cook It Up All Fall, an extension of the well-known Cook It Up training program, will be offering take-out lunches and dinner options every Monday and Thursday until Dec. 6 in Haliburton.

"Simply come in to SIRCH Central and pick up a delicious and affordable lunch, or skip the dishes and take your meal home for dinner," spokeswoman Angelica Ingram said in a news release.

The lunches will feature flavours from around the world, with a different ethnic theme the two days. Meals include coconut curry chicken, tandoori vegetables, Korean barbecue back ribs, steak quesadillas and more. There are also vegetarian options, as well as a feature soup and salad.

Ingram said dietary restrictions can be accommodated, as long as you notify the chef ahead of time. You can pre-order a meal by calling or texting 705-455-2072.

Ingram said by choosing to purchase meals from Cook It Up All Fall, patrons will support graduates of Cook It Up who want to add to their skills, and it will also give those who may be considering the

Cook It Up training program in 2019 the opportunity to check it out ahead of time.

"And, maybe most importantly, it's also a fundraiser, to help SIRCH continue to make the hundreds of free Community Kitchen meals for those in need," Ingram said.

Chef Jay McIvor is back and was joined this past Monday by Cook It Up graduate, Lydia Kim.

"We're just terribly excited to continue this into the fall," said McIvor, who ran a successful program at the high school in the summer to cater for Haliburton School of Art and Design students. "We're hoping the locals can bite into it."

SIRCH Central is located at 2 Victoria St. in Haliburton. Meals will be served twice a week from noon to 4 p.m.

Cook it Up is a training program that just completed a successful fourth season this past spring. It provides culinary and restaurant skills for unemployed and underemployed residents of Haliburton County.

SIRCH is a charitable organization that, among other things, provides thousands of meals free each year to those in need, according to Ingram.

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2018 Municipal & School Board Election Voting Options

The municipality is offering 3 different ways to vote in the 2018 Municipal Election:

- **Internet or Telephone** – Vote anytime, anywhere at your own convenience from Oct 6th at 8:00 AM to Oct 22nd, 2018 until 8:00 PM.

- **Traditional Paper Ballot** – For those who prefer a paper ballot, visit our voting station at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Community Centre, 55 Parkside St., Minden on Advance Voting Day, Oct 6th, 2018 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM or on Election Day, Oct 22, 2018 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

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For a list of required identification, please visit the Voter Information page at www.mindenhills.ca/elections/information-for-voters/



Short Term Rental Accommodation

The Township of Minden Hills is currently reviewing the issue of Short Term Rental (STR) Accommodation in Minden Hills and welcome you to fill out our Survey, which will be open until October 16, 2018, and is available on the Township's website under the Building/Bylaw/Planning page.

Employment Opportunities

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November 3 **Poppy Felting Workshop** with Ruth O'Connell instructing. Learn to wet felt natural wool into a beautiful poppy shape that can be made into a brooch or applied to your favourite clothing.

Meetings and Events

Meetings are held in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Oct 11 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/ Council Meeting

Nov 22 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/ Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of October, November and December

Highlander sports



Left: The Mustangs quarterback just gets off a pass before pressure arrives. Right: The holder takes the snap, readying for an upfield kick. *Photos by Danielle Martin.*

Gridiron Red Hawks win one, lose one

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School junior football team continues its impressive play in Kawartha standings so far this season. The Red Hawks beat the Crestwood Mustangs 35-13 at home last Thursday, Sept. 27. That puts them in first place in the standings, with a record of 2-0 and four points for and against of 55-13. In their season opener Sept. 21, they crushed Fenelon Falls 20-0. Meanwhile, the seniors continue to struggle. Crestwood handed them a 30-7 defeat Sept. 27, on the heels of a 23-1 loss Sept. 21. The squad is in last place in the standings. Next games are this Friday, Oct. 5 on the road against Holy Cross. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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Highland Storm



The Highland Storm are back in action for the 2018-2019 regular and playoff season. *File photo.*

Storm reports

Ridgewood Ford Atoms

On Sunday, Sept. 30, the Ridgewood Ford Atom A's travelled to the south shore of Georgian Bay to face the Elmvale Coyotes in their second game of the year.

The game got off to a quick start with the Coyotes opening scoring at the eight-minute mark. One minute later, the Storm went on the powerplay but couldn't get pucks to stay in the Coyote zone. Moments later, Elmvale had the man advantage and Storm first-year forward Owen Sisson nearly scored on a shorthanded rush.

Minutes into the second period, after some pressure, Liam Harrison took a penalty, leaving the Storm to kill off what would be one of seven penalties. At even strength, Elmvale forwards were relentless in moving the puck up the ice testing new defenceman Toby Posti, who faced both four-on-one and two-on-one rushes on his own, successfully sending the puck away from the scoring area.

Before the second period ended, Elmvale forwards worked together with their speed and puck movement to score one more goal to add to the total.

Despite some more penalty trouble that followed into the third period, Storm forwards continued to leave it all on the

ice, working hard towards getting the first tally of the game while short handed. Chase Winder stopped some more difficult shots in an effort to keep the Coyotes from adding to the score, however the hometown team seemed to find new ways to score which made the game that much more dramatic. The third period proved nothing short of trying as more Storm players headed to the penalty box. However, Elmvale didn't succeed much further, only adding one more with a minute to go making the final score 4-0.

The Storm will be looking for their first win of the season when they face the Huntsville Otters Friday night at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Puck drop is 6 p.m. *(Submitted by Pasi Posti)*

Pepper Mill Bantams

The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Bantams travelled to Elmvale on Sunday, Sept 30.

Elmvale welcomed the Highland Storm by scoring two quick goals in the first period.

Dylan Keefer scored a goal, assisted by Nick Phippen, in the second period to make it a 2-1 Elmvale lead. However, Elmvale answered back with another goal, putting them up

3-1.

While the Storm put in third period effort, they fell short in a 7-1 loss.

Come out and cheer on the Bantams this Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, where they will be taking on the Huntsville Otters. *(Submitted by Monica Keefer).*



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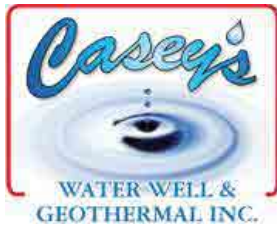
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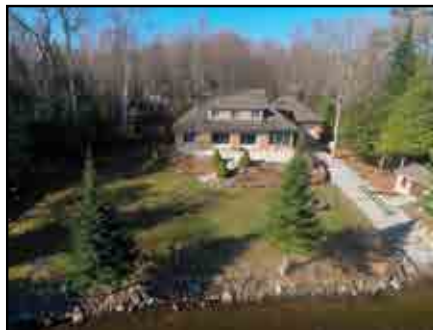
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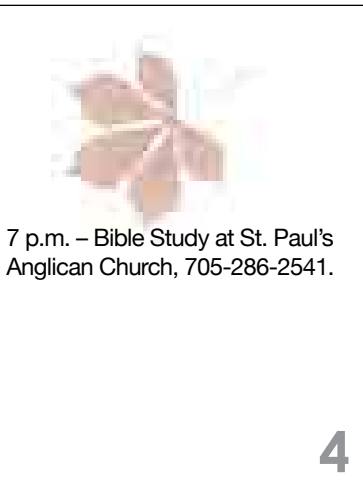
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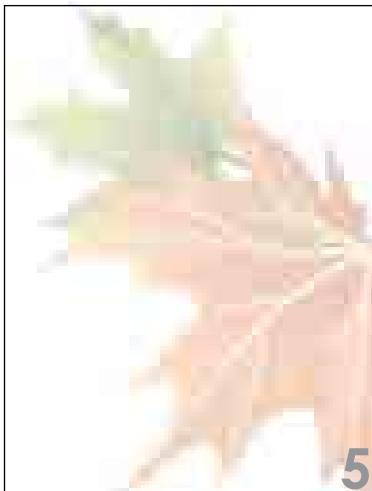
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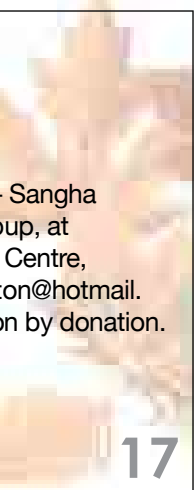
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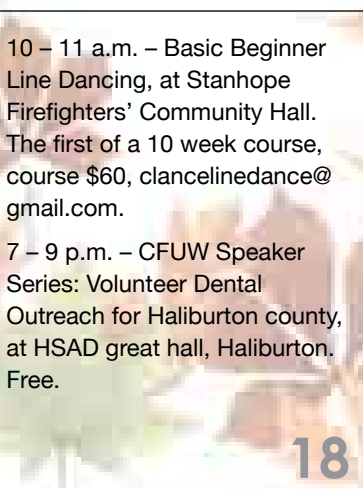
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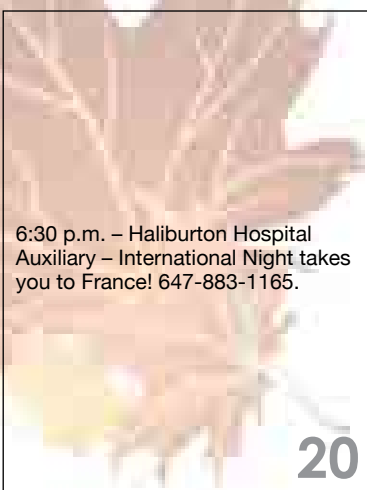
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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR FALL IN THE HIGHLANDS



Kate Butler and Amy Brohm with their Halloween display. *Photo by Danielle Martin.*

Get in the spirit of the season with Hali Halloween

Submitted by Kate Butler

Hali Halloween is coming to Haliburton Village this month with fun and spooky celebrations for all ages. A program of the Municipality of Dysart et al, Hali Halloween has brought together a range of community partners, including the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Visible Voices Open Arts Studio for a month of festivities, which builds on the success of a range of Halloween events in and around the village in the last several years.

The fun kicks off with Wednesday evening workshops at Visible Voices, taking place throughout October. Make a creative mask, fun and fantastic foam

wigs or a group of decorative ghosts to display around your home. The workshops will also include the creation of decorations for Day of the Dead celebrations, such as lanterns, paper flowers and adorned frames.

Are you curious to learn more about the origins of Halloween and why we celebrate the way we do? Come to the Haliburton Museum on Thursday, Oct. 25 for a special talk on the Celtic roots of Halloween and a chance to explore the museum's historic buildings (and its ghost stories) under the cover of darkness. To keep you in the Halloween spirit, on Oct. 26-27, talented local students will be performing Nightfall

with Edgar Allen Poe, a presentation of short plays inspired by Poe's eeriest stories and poems – it's guaranteed to give you chills.

Have you decided on your Halloween costume for this year yet? One of the highlights of the Hali Halloween festivities will be the all-ages parade from the municipal office through the village at noon on Oct. 27. There will be great prizes for the best costumes, as well as seasonal and spooky entertainment in Head Lake Park.

You can then cap off your Hali Halloween with a very special Day of the Dead celebration at the Haliburton Museum. Though we often think of

Halloween as a dark and scary holiday, the Mexican Day of the Dead tradition is a chance to celebrate life and essentially laugh at death, as well as a time to remember loved ones who have passed away and show them that we're okay. On Nov. 1, Melodie Acero of Visible Voices will be sharing more about this rich tradition – don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to learn about another culture.

For more information on Hali Halloween and other great seasonal events happening around the community, check out halihalloween.com – it's going to be an amazing month of spooktacular fun.

Help them to scare you

By Lisa Gervais

The future of Terror on Wonderland Road - a popular Haliburton Halloween event for the past 10 years - is up in the air for 2018, pending financial and volunteer support.

Organizer Cathy Barnett said they're seeking a 'hand up' from the community after carrying almost 100 per cent of the costs over the past decade.

It's been a free event with entry via donation or a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

Barnett said it costs time and money to stage the extravagant event.

It is housed under two large event tents and also includes a short, haunted walk through the forest. There is usually a barbecue and treats

"It normally takes a minimum of a month to build and create and it comes with a host of annual costs," Barnett said. For example, there are two tow-behind heaters, a generator, candles, lights, cob webs, a fog machine, fake blood, batteries, Gorilla and duct tape, zip ties, large rolls of plastic, food for the barbecue, treats and set up and tear down costs.

She said her family puts in extensive hours before, during, and after the event to make sure it is the best that it can be, and they love doing it, but last year it was scaled back because they were short on time and didn't get the

response they needed from volunteers.

"This is where we are 'humbly' asking our community to help out with some of the costs ... it is becoming too much to handle on our own.

"Added to some of the costs previously mentioned, we usually have to utilize our crew that works for us (paid days) to ensure the breakdown gets done and everything gets dismantled and put away in a timely fashion, costing the company in wages."

She said a GoFundMe campaign is now on Facebook but people can donate cash, cheques and do e-transfers.

In addition, she said they need committed volunteers to work the two nights it will be open (if it takes place) Saturday, Oct. 27 and Wednesday Oct. 31.

"We would really like to keep Terror on Wonderland going for the community, both for the hundreds that come out to get scared, and to help out the Haliburton Food Bank, and in turn those that need the help especially going into the winter months when the food bank gets utilized more," Barnett said.

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A display at a past Terror on Wonderland Road. *File.*

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Left: Gord Jones in front of his watercolour artworks. Right: Cathy Taylor's studio and gallery space. *Photos by Danielle Martin.*

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Top: Fall-themed display in Head Lake Rotary Park. Left: Family and friends gather for the pumpkin-rolling contest.. Photos by Danielle Martin

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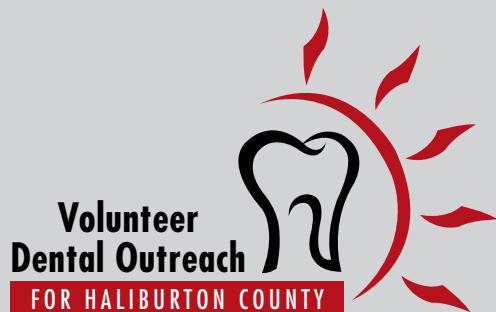


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Celebrating the spirit of strong women

Twenty years ago, a strong young woman, after years of living and singing in other parts of Ontario, came to Haliburton. She was very much involved in feminism and the fight for equal rights for women. She knew a few people locally but set about meeting more. One of her new friends asked her to start a choir for women.

Thus began Outloud Womyn's Choir. The name relayed the message that any woman could join no matter her voice or musical ability. Whatever she sounded like, she was to sing out loud. Beth Johns used music, mostly from Carolyn McDade and other women whose spiritual outlook regarded women as powerful. According to them, women had to be responsible for our rights and for being heard.

In the 20 years since this choir began, more than 35 women have sung and participated in concerts, open stage, singing at nursing homes, singing in the street and at the dump with much practicing along the way. Outloud Womyn practiced at the YWCA in Haliburton at first, then Zion United Church in Carnarvon and now this group of women practices Tuesday nights at Beth's house in West Guilford.

We have potlucks during the summer, at Christmas and for solstices. It has become a small vibrant group of women, some who are getting old, who meet regularly and always with singing and laughing. This choir has also sung for a number of funerals, three of which were

for members of Outloud Womyn.

With Beth's kind and knowledgeable leadership we have learned to sing rather well together and are still going strong after two decades. We help each other, laugh together, cry together and have travelled to Paris ON, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Boston. We did the music for Earth Day in at least three churches in Haliburton County. In Boston, eight of us made a CD of Carolyn's music along with 71 other women from the US and Canada.

About 12 years ago, we created two cookbooks from our potluck recipes. We still use these books and most of us can recognize the dishes when they are served.

It is fair to say that for a small choir of women, we have accomplished a lot in 20 years. We have climbed mountains of problems, aided those who needed a lift and have sung our spiritual songs throughout Haliburton and far beyond.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, we celebrated 20 years as a choir. Brenda Peddigrew served as MC, Beth, our director, spoke about all of our history and some of hers. She told us her motivation for creating this choir and much of the history I have mentioned here. Then we all took a turn telling our stories of how and when and why we joined Outloud Womyn's Choir.

After that we drank a toast – maybe a couple, and had a beautiful supper, which for once we didn't make. There was also a huge cake recognizing our 20 years as a choir. The rest of the evening was for



The Outloud Womyn's Choir gathers at the Patterson home. *Submitted*

visiting, reminiscing and enjoying each other's company. Members came from Ottawa, Bracebridge, Minden, Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Peterborough, Pickering and, of course, Haliburton.

We were lucky to be invited to use Thea

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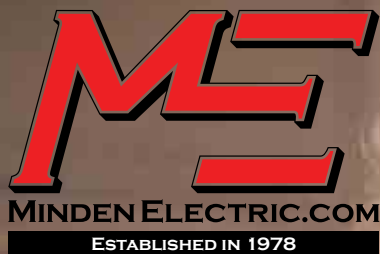
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OCTOBER 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday October 4

7 p.m. – Bible Study at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. For more info call 705-286-2541.

Saturday October 6

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market and Artisans Marketplace, in the Minden municipal parking lot.

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends "Guitared & Dangerous", at Minden Legion. Light lunch available noon – 2 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m. No cover charge.

5 p.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner, presented by the Wilberforce Agricultural Society, at Lloyd Watson Community Centre, Wilberforce. A delicious turkey meal with all the trimmings and dessert, \$15/adults, \$7 kids under 12, preschoolers free. Tickets available at the Wilberforce Information Centre, Agnew's General Store and online at wilberforcefair.com.

5:30 p.m. – Karaoke w/ John & Gail at Coboconk Legion.

Sunday October 7

10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Maple Beech & Cameron Lakes Association annual Thanksgiving food drive, in support of Minden Community Food Bank Centre. Bring your non-perishable goods, fresh fruits & veggies, toiletries and cash donations to St. Peter's Church, Maple Lake. For more info call Sally 705-754-9895.

2 – 4 p.m. – Celebrate the Season, outdoor gospel show, at Historic Irondale Church, 1019 Elm Rd., Irondale. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, light refreshments available. (If weather doesn't cooperate we'll move indoors!) 705-457-8438.

Monday October 8

10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Maple Beech & Cameron Lakes Association annual Thanksgiving food drive, in support of Minden Community Food Bank Centre. Bring your non-perishable goods, fresh fruits & veggies, toiletries and cash donations to St. Peter's Church, Maple Lake. For more info call Sally 705-754-9895.

Tuesday October 9

7 – 8:30 p.m. – Abbey Retreat Centre fall wellness speaker series, at 1150 Garden Gate Drive Haliburton. For topics, speaker bios and other details, see abbeyretreatcentre.ca. Admission by donation, all proceeds to Abbey Retreat Centre.

7 – 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball Tuesday nights at Haliburton High School Gym. Cost is \$2.00. Rackets provided. Bring clean indoor shoes. Everyone welcome. Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

7:30 p.m. – Environment Haliburton Enviro-Café – Dr. Stephen Hill from the Trent School of the Environment will speak on the Politics of Climate Change, at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden. For more info contact

Ryan at rsisson@gmail.com or 705-854-3355.

Wednesday October 10

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – HKPR Sexual Health Clinic, providing confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. For more info or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Thursday October 11

1 p.m. – Bible Study at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. For more info call 705-286-2541.

Saturday October 13

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Therapeutic Touch Level 2 Workshop – continue or refresh your Therapeutic Touch journey. An in-depth look at the process and its efficacy with hands-on practice. Contact Susan Keith at 705-457-3981 or email ch.concepts@sympatico.ca.

5:30 p.m. – Harvest Dinner at Maple Lake United Church, \$20 per person, reservations recommended. Call Marrie Barry 705-754-2258 or Beverly Upton 705-286-2130.

Tuesday October 16

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Food Handler Course, at the Health Unit office 191 Highland St., Haliburton. This certificate program teaches participants how to handle and prepare foods safely. Certificate earned is valid for 5 yrs, cost \$40/person. For more info or to register call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

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Wednesday October 17

4 – 5:45 p.m. – Sangha Meditation Group, at Abbey Retreat Centre, 1150 Garden Gate Dr., Haliburton. This is an open group for people who have done a mindfulness course and for people with a regular meditation practice. Please email sanghahaliburton@hotmail.com for more info or to join. Admission by donation, proceeds to Abbey Retreat Centre.

Thursday October 18

10 – 11 a.m. – Basic Beginner Line Dancing, at Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall, North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands. This is the first of a 10 week course. Course cost \$60, contact clancelinedance@gmail.com to register.

6 – 7:30 p.m. – Women's Wisdom Circle, at Abbey Retreat Centre 1150 Garden

Gate Dr., Haliburton. Join our monthly circle of wise women, where we engage in laughter, inspiration, encouragement and compassionate presence. Suggested donation of \$15 with proceeds to Abbey Retreat Centre. Abbeyretreatcentre.ca (3rd Thursday of each month).

7 – 9 p.m. – CFUW Speaker Series: Melanie Aldom, on Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton county, at Haliburton School of Art & Design, great hall. Free admission, presentation from 7 – 8 p.m., followed by light refreshments and social time.

7:30 p.m. – Shout Sister concert at Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Rd.. Admission by donation, fundraiser for the Church. Refreshments to follow the show.

Saturday October 20

6:30 p.m. – Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary – International Night takes you to France! A fabulous four-course meal prepared by Rhubarb, including wine from the Minden Wine Store, silent and live auctions and oodles of fun! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$60 per person, available at the Haliburton Hospital Gift Shop, or call Anne at 647-883-1165. Proceeds go towards the purchase of 2 inpatient beds for our hospital.

Tuesday October 23

7 – 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball Tuesday nights at Haliburton High School Gym. Cost is \$2. Rackets provided. Bring clean indoor shoes. Everyone welcome. Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Wednesday October 24

7 p.m. – Music Night at Haliburton United Church, Corner of George St. and Pine Ave, Haliburton. All are welcome.

Thursday October 25

10:30 a.m. – S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program, in Wilberforce. Helps support smokers trying to quit by providing five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost. Education and resources also provided. To see if you are eligible, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext 2202.

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Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Tuesday night dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, and bingo, doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. – \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot – last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting, third Thursday of the month, March through December starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Cribbage, 1 p.m. start, meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw...Chester Howse, MC, Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw, 4 p.m. draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards.

Sundays: Breakfast, second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1p.m., \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Oct. 5 Ham & Scalloped dinner 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 6 Crib tournament. Registration 10:30 a.m. Play begins 11:30 SHARP Turkey Shoot. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. "12 gauge & 410 shots" \$4/shot 1776 Loop Rd (Hwy 648) Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP If you come out, offer to help sell tickets.

Oct 1 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Oct 9 General meeting 7 p.m.

Oct 10 Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

Oct 11 Social recreation program. Tec time, pool, line dancing, crafts. Come out for coffee and social time. FREE

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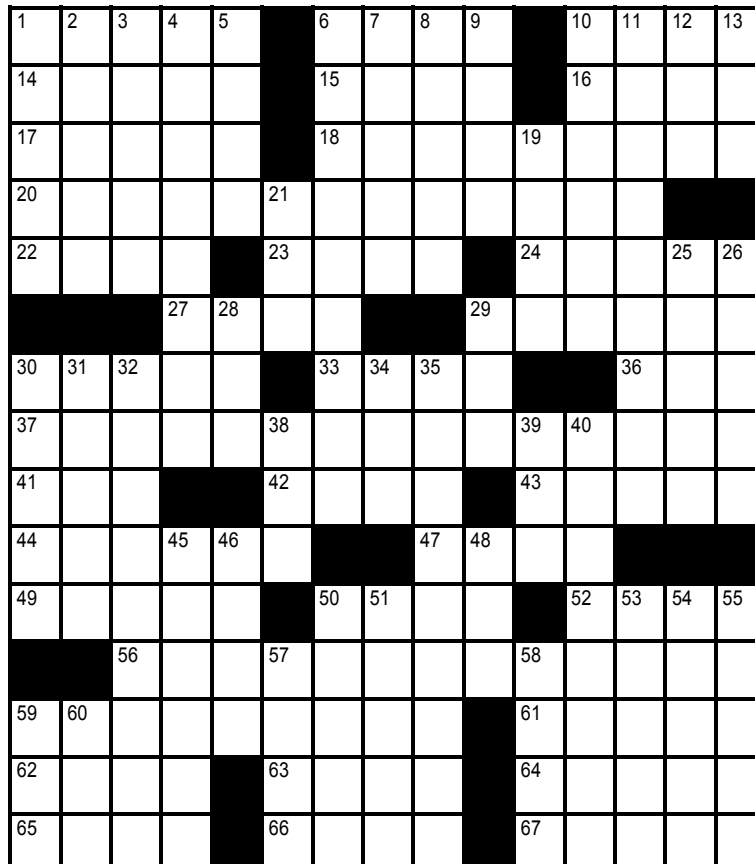
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Across

- 1 Put on a show
6 Picket line ignorer
10 Many readers of "Maclean's":
Abbr.
14 Your, in days of yore
15 Hardly heart-stopping
16 Sharpen
17 Wood-shaping machine
18 Subjects to a hazing ritual
20 Beginning of some dark
humour
22 Spotted
23 "Take ____ the Pilot" (Elton
John)
24 Maidens of Madrid
27 Place for an autograph
29 Kidney-shaped nut
30 Half of a record
33 Shopping bag, say
36 Touchdown info
37 The dark humour continues
41 WWII Luftwaffe foe
42 ____ silly question, ...
43 International travellers' needs
44 Negative notoriety
47 Not that
49 Fashion fan's focus
50 "I ____ dead!"
52 Brit's "bye-bye"
56 End of the dark humour
59 Bread with a bit of bite
61 Shoots in the foot, maybe
62 Warsaw ____ (Cold War
treaty)
63 It's connected to the wrist
bone
64 Skimpy
65 Large, wooden boats
66 ____ du jour (daily dish)
67 Bar crowd?: Abbr.

Down

- 1 Musclemen Charles
2 Rub the wrong way?
3 "Dark Humour" for this
puzzle, e.g.



- 4 Brings about an improvement
5 Kiki and Sandra
6 Spiky heels
7 "Who ____ Be Now?" (Men At
Work)
8 Chihuahuan chum
9 "Little Women" little woman
10 Sit-in requirements
11 What a T-crossover does first
12 Toronto-to-Ottawa dir.
13 A French plural possessive
19 "____ Heartache" (Bonnie
Tyler hit)
21 Queen Mary letters
25 American insurance giant
26 Drooping drapes
28 Vigoda of "Barney Miller"
29 Bus. suite doorplate letters
30 Ranis' raiment
31 "____ believe my eyes!"
32 Loony Tunes lisper
34 Mork's planet
35 "End of discussion!"
38 Wray of "King Kong"
39 Caesarian 56
40 Fight while Mom's driving,
say
45 Sounds the alarm
46 Anthropologist Margaret
48 Sexy
50 Like ____ in a china shop
51 Carta starter
53 Shoot for
54 Minute
55 Helpers, in short
57 Tie the knot?
58 "Born Free" lioness
59 Place for a facial
60 Wall hanging in a seafood
restaurant, maybe

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